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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the prior version and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing an electromagnetic interference shield comprising the steps of:

(1) preparing a substrate and a plurality of target modules and mounting the substrate and the plurality of target modules in a sputtering chamber, wherein each target module has a target bonded thereto, and said target is made from an electrically conductive material;

(2) evacuating the sputtering chamber to a predetermined degree of vacuum;

(3) introducing a working gas into the sputtering chamber to a predetermined gas pressure level;

(4) applying a voltage to the target ~~module~~ modules using a power supply, thus sequentially activating a magnetron sputtering process between the respective target modules and the substrate, and thereby sequentially depositing a first metal layer, a second metal layer, and a ~~third metal layer~~ stainless steel layer from the target modules onto the substrate until a desired thickness is achieved on the substrate.

Claim 2 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said degree of vacuum is to be controlled in a range of 10^{-8} to 10^{-4} torr.

Claim 3 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gas pressure level is maintained in a range of 10^{-3} to 10^{-1} torr.

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Claim 4 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a flow rate of said working gas is controlled to be between 2 and 80 SCCM.

Claim 5 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said power source is a direct current power source.

Claim 6 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said voltage between the target module and the substrate is in a range between 200 and 1000 volts, and a power density of the target is in a range between 20 and 70 W/cm².

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electrically conductive material is a metal layer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ at least one target is made from nickel.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ at least one target is made from copper.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ at least one target is made from stainless steel.

Claim 11 (original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the target is a composite target, which is divided into a plurality of portions, each portion being made from different electrically conductive materials.

Claim 12 (original): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said composite target is divided into three portions respectively made from nickel, copper and stainless steel.

Claim 13 (original): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said

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substrate is made from resin.

Claim 14 (original): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said resin has at least one component selected from the group of polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polycarbonate, polyimide, polyetherimide, polyphenylene sulfide, polysulfone, polystyrene, glycol-modified polyester, polypropylene, and liquid crystal polymers.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing an electromagnetic interference shield comprising the steps of:

(1) preparing a substrate and a plurality of target modules and mounting the substrate and the plurality of target modules in a sputtering chamber, wherein each target module has a target bonded thereto, and said target is made from an electrically conductive material;

(2) controlling the chamber in a designated air pressure level;

(3) applying a voltage to the target ~~module~~ modules using a power supply, thus sequentially activating a magnetron sputtering process between the respective target modules and the substrate, and thereby sequentially depositing a first metal layer, a second metal layer, and a ~~third metal layer~~ stainless steel layer from the target modules onto the substrate until a desired thickness is achieved on the substrate.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said degree of vacuum is to be controlled in a range of 10^{-8} to 10^{-4} torr.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said gas pressure level is maintained in a range of 10^{-4} to 10^{-1} torr.

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Claim 18 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein a flow rate of said working gas is controlled to be more than 2 SCCM and less than 25 SCCM, or more than 25 SCCM and less than 80 SCCM.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said voltage between the target module and the substrate is more than 200 volts and less than 400 volts, or more than 600 volts and less than 1000 volts; and a power density of the target is more than 20 W/cm² and less than 70 W/cm².